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FACING THE FACTS

With PHILIP PEARL

What is behind all the political animosity between John L. Lewis and the Republican Party? Is the C. I. O. really so much against the Republican Party as it has been lately? Or is it just a matter of Lewis' personal ambition? What is the purpose of his violent attack on President Roosevelt, whose mind, he said, is in "full intellectual retreat"? These questions are far from frivolous. They have a common answer—strategy. And the strategy is obvious to anyone who wants to go to the trouble of studying it in detail.

We took the trouble, not because it makes much difference where Lewis leans politically, but because it is interesting to see how a man who has so much power in the C. I. O. can be so easily misled by his own propaganda. Lewis didn't lead us to the Republican Party, nor was he seduced. He was misled by his own propaganda.

No, Lewis did not hold out an olive branch to the Republicans. He held out a whip and he lashed them with it. He asserted the Republicans had forfeited the confidence of labor. Last the Republicans feel too badly about this that they try to get Lewis' support.

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Just One Happy Family!

Washington, D. C., June 18.—President Roosevelt named Sidney Hillman, CIO Vice President, to draft plans for a compulsory universal service program for the armed forces.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 18.—John L. Lewis, CIO President, denounced President Roosevelt's compulsory universal service proposal as a "fantastic suggestion from a mind in full intellectual retreat."

Washington, D. C., June 18.—E. H. Rorer, executive director of Labor's Non-Partisan League, the political front for the C. I. O., handed his resignation to John L. Lewis. He declared that the vast majority of C. I. O. members favor a third term for Roosevelt.

New York, N. Y., June 18.—The National C. I. O. leaders, claiming 75,000 members, revolted against John L. Lewis. They sent a telegram to ex-C. I. O. Vice President's exhorting "desert construction" over Lewis' attack on President Roosevelt. They urged the Vice Presidents of the C. I. O. to "thaw Lewis' policies."

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News Briefs

RAILWAY CARMEN MAKE BIG MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Kansas City, Mo., President Felix H. Knight revealed a definite boom in the membership of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, with over 3,000 car builders added to the union roll in the past three months. Part of this was ascribed to increased employment on roads now under union contract, the rest being employees of railroads where the Carmen have organized "wildcat" unions in election held by the National Mediation Board.

This showing is mighty encouraging to the Carmen, especially since the membership is still climbing week by week, and the union is now at the highest level it has ever known in a matter of months.

JOHN F. GATELEY IS DEAD; EX-LEADER OF MASS. LABOR

Springfield, Mass.—John F. Gateley of Springfield, former president of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, died of cerebral hemorrhage June 24 while on his way to his home at Woodstock Lake, Mass. He had been in poor health for some time. He was fifty-one years old.

Mr. Gateley was head of the Springfield Central Labor Union for several years. He was vice president of the State Federation of Labor, and was president of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America.

LIFE INSURANCE FIRMS AGENTS CHOOSE A. F. L.

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FIGHT AGAINST DUMMY WON BY ELECTRICIANS

Washington, D. C.—The International Union of Electrical Workers reported they have won the fight against dummy unions in the electrical industry.

TWO AFL UNIONS WIN STRIKE IN SEATTLE

Washington, D. C.—The International Association of Machinists and the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America won a strike in Seattle, Wash., after a militant one-month strike.

BEVIN BECOMES MEMBER OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT

London, England.—Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, has become a member of the British House of Commons.

WAGE INCREASE CONTRACT WON BY LEATHER WORKERS

New Albany, Ind.—General Patrick Bernard G. Quinn, of the United Leather Workers International Union, announced the signing of a new contract with the George Meany Leather Company.

GREEN DECLARES I. L. G. V. U. NOW ELIGIBLE TO JOIN A. F. L. STATE AND CITY BODIES

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Congress Orders Nation-Wide Purge of Reds and Nazis From Relief Rolls

"OLD GOLDS" SIGN "WINDS OF CHANGE"

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The Press Pans Lewis

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